

NOSB Livestock Committee Position Paper to be presented at the September 2002 NOSB Meeting, Washington DC

ATROPINE

Motion: Atropine should not be added to 205.603.

Vote tallies

Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Michael, Dave, Jim, Nancy, Becky			George

- All three reviewers and all committee members agree that Atropine is a Synthetic.

Background:

- Atropine is an antidote for poisoning either by organophosphates or by toxic plants such as Larkspur and Yew.

Significant Sideline Issues:

- Atropine is used to treat animals that have been poisoned by Organophosphates or toxic plants. Although the CURE is not reason to disqualify from an organic herd the POISON is. According to the Rule a producer must treat an animal conventionally if approved methods fail and then must remove the animal from organic which seems appropriate in the case of Organophosphate and in this case plant poisoning.

Summary of Opinion:

- Poisoning is rare even by plants. In those cases where atropine is necessary that animal should no longer be considered organic.

